(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No such proposal has been received from the State Government.

(b) Does not arise.

झाबना के लिए सवारी गाड़ी को सेवा बन्द किया जाना

2245. श्री **अजीत जोगी** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि मध्य प्रदेश में झाबना जिले में आदिवासियों के लिए उपलब्ध एक मात्र सवारी गाडी, जो ब्रिटिश शासन के समय निर्धन आदिवासी लोगों के लिए शुरू की गई थी, के बन्द किए जाने से हजारों आदिवासियों को अत्यधिक कठिनाई का सामना करना पड़ रहा है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ;

(ग) क्या इस गाडी को फिर से शुरू किए जाने के लिए जनता और अन्य संस्थाओं से मांग/अभ्यावेदन प्राप्त हुए हैं ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

रेल मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री माधवराव सिन्धिया) : (क) और (ख) रतलाम-गोधरा खंड पर 3 जोडी गाडियां चल रही थीं । इनमें से एक जोडी गाडी अर्थात् 111/112 बडोदरा-भोपाल पैसेंजर को रद्द कर दिया गया था और उसके बदले 20-4-88 से 969/970 भोपाल-राजकोट एक्सप्रेस चला दी गई है ।

(ग) जी हां ।

(घ) गाडियों का पुनः चलाया जाना परिचालनिक दृष्टि से व्यवहारिक नहीं पाया गया है । तथापि, दैनिक यात्रियों की सुविधा के लिए 19 डाउन को मंडल महूडी, बोरडी, अनास, पंच पिपलिया, अमरगढ, नीलडी और मोरवानी पर, 20 अप को पंच पिपलिया, अनास और बोरडी पर, 24 अप को मोरवानी, नीलडी, रावटी, पंच पिपलिया और अनास पर तथा 969/970 एक्सप्रेस को दाहोद और मेघनगर पर 1-11-1988 से ठहराने की व्यवस्था कर दी गयी है ।

DTC losses

2246. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total loss suffered by the Delhi Transport Corporation from January, 1988 till September, 1988;

(b) what are the reasons for these losses; and

(c) what measures have been taken by Government to make-up for these losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) According to year of DTC for which accounts are compiled and audited is from 1st April to 31st March. DTC has suffered losses but the final picture will be available for accounting year only after the year is over and the accounts are audited.

The losses are mainly due to low/concessional fare, rising cost of labour and other inputs and the capital structure of DTC.

Steps are taken on continuing basis to increase productivity, reduce per unit cost, enforce economy measures, prevent dealers by intensified checking and supervision, and rationalisation of routes.

Coolies in the country

2247. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of coolies

working at railway stations in the country, zone-wise, till date;

(b) what is the amount of registration fee received by the Railways from the coolies; and

(c) what is the number of complaints received against coolies from Railway passengers, zone-wise, during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Urdu Institutions in the country

2248. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number and the details of central educational institutions, other than central universities where Urdu is taught, till date;

(b) what is the number of students studying Urdu in these institutions, till date; and

(c) what is the number of teachers in Urdu in these institutions, till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P SAHI): (a) to (c) Information, in part, in respect of Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas, which are central educational institutions, is given in attached statement (*See* below).

More information is benig collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(i) KENDRIYA VIDYALAYAS

Provision for teaching Urdu as Regional language exists in four Kendriya Vidyalayas where 20 or more students opt for the same.

However, the teaching of Urdu as a third language under the Three-language formula has now been introduced in 6 Kendriya Vidyalayas in Haryana, 10 Kendriya Vidyalayas in Uttar Pradesh, 4 Kendriya Vidyalayas in Madhya Pradesh and all Kendriya Vidyalayas in Kashmir and Ladakh areas of Jammu and Kashmir.

(ii) NAVODAYA VIDYALAYAS

Urdu is taught in 18 Navodaya Vidyalayas located in the States of Jammu and Kashmir, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh.

In these Vidyalayas, 1863 students are studying Urdu.

One Urdu teacher has been sanctioned for each of these Vidyalayas.

Whereabouts of caterings officer in Aditya Vardhan

2249. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Shri Hari Niwas Sharma, catering officer on board an Indian ship, M. T. Aditya Vardhan is missing;

(b) whether the matter is under investigation by the C.B.I.;

(c) whether it is, also a fact that the brother of Shri Hari Niwas Sharma Lt. Cdr. N. C. Sharma, has alleged that his brother is still alive and the body which was found and cremated was somebody else's and that his brother has been held captive by the Korean Ocean Shipping Agency agent; and

(d) if so what are the details in this regard?